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Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., April 15, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, April 15, 1834.

Dear Andrew, Your affectionate letter of the 4th instant giving me the pleasing information of the safe delivery of Sarah and presenting you with a fine son, reached me this evening and I hasten to acknowledge it. I feel grateful to you and Sarah for calling him for me. I trust in a kind providence that he will preserve and restore the mother soon to her health, and the son long to live and be a blessing and comfort to his parents in their declining years, an ornament to that society in which he may be placed, and should I be permitted to return to the Hermitage for a few years, to live in retirement he will be a great consolation to me. Present to my dear Sarah, and the sweet babe my blessing, and to each a kiss. Kiss my dear little Rachel for me and tell her Grandpa, if he is permitted to get to the Hermitage this summer, will bring to her a pretty, for her to remember her grandpa by.

I write you in haste that it may go in the return mail. I have been engaged for some days in preparing a protest against Clays resolution passed in the Senate censuring me. I sent it up to day to the Senate but owing to the death of one of the members of the House of Representatives, it was not delivered, nor can it before thursday next. I will send you a copy when in print. I think my protest will shew, that it is not I, but the Senate who have usurped power and violated the constitution, and I am sure the people will recollect, that it was a corrupt and venal senate that overturned the liberty of Rome before ever Cezar reached her gates, and if ever our republic is overthrown, it will be by a venal Senate usurping all power and forming an alliance with a corrupt monied monopoly.

